

REMARKS

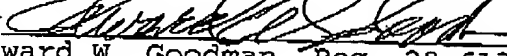
The claims have been amended to more clearly define the invention as disclosed in the written description. In particular, claims 12 and 14 have been cancelled, while claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claim 12.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-11 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,111,517 to Atick et al. in view of U.S. Patent 5,541,585 to Duhamel et al. the Examiner has further rejected claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Atick et al. in view of Duhamel et al., and further in view of U.S. Patent 6,496,595 to Puchek et al. Applicants acknowledge that the Examiner has found claim 12 allowable over the prior art of record.

In view of the above changes, Applicants believe that the Examiner's rejections have been overcome.

Applicants believe that this application, containing claims 1-11 and 13, is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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